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Gina, see EDF's blog on yesterday's risk assessment release. There is at least one other person who shares our excitement. I see you are meeting with Fred Krupp next week. I know the topic is climate, but it would be good to acknowledge their attention to our TSCA work. I'll send you a version of the slides I use to convey my vision for chemical safety early next week. Your insights would be greatly appreciated as we more than one NGO and a few of us excited about this work. I'd like to do the same with you on the pesticides front.

On 2,4-D, we are drafting a response to the Waxman letter. We are also going to call Dr Landrigan and walk him through our assessment.

My pollinator tour is going well and has been very insightful. We'll need to sit down soon to discuss some next steps.

Have a great weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

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**From:** Richard Denison [<mailto:rdenison@edf.org>]  
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## Only a 2-month wait, down from 28 years: New EPA risk assessments find paint stripper chemicals pose significant health risks

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In June, I [blogged about](#) the first final risk assessment EPA had issued in 28 years using its authority under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), for the solvent trichloroethylene (TCE). Happily, we only had to wait two months for EPA's TSCA office to issue [final risk assessments for three more chemicals](#).

One of the three is dichloromethane (DCM), also known as methylene chloride. DCM is a common ingredient of paint strippers, the use on which EPA's risk assessment focused. As with TCE, EPA found DCM-laden paint strippers pose significant health risks to workers, consumers and the general public. Here's what EPA said in its press release:

The risk assessment for Dichloromethane (DCM), which is widely used in paint stripping products, indicates health risks to both workers and consumers who use these products, and to bystanders in workplaces and residences where DCM is used. EPA estimates that more than 230,000 workers nationwide are directly exposed to DCM from DCM-containing paint strippers.

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